

Title of Hearing: **Hearing on Responding to Long-Term Unemployment**

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Our job losses started in 2005. My husband lost his job that he had worked for 28 years. They had great production quotas, etc., but moved it all to Mexico. During the time he was looking for work, I was laid off from Norwalk Furniture, Norwalk OH., and I took a different job that paid almost half of what I was making previously, to keep insurance and the hope that I could eventually get back a higher paying job. When my husband found a new job, it was a lower paying job.

In 2008, after working there for 13 years, my plant closed the doors and I was without a job again. After a couple of months searching for a job, I decided to go back to school and I took Administrative Assistant training. The day I started to school, my husband lost his job. They moved most of their jobs to California.

So, between both of us losing jobs 5 times in 3 years, taking pay cuts, paying more for insurance, and eventually not having insurance at all. We are good workers, we always had perfect attendance, we worked at our jobs for years and planned to retire from them. We had to file bankruptcy, we lost our home, we left Northern Ohio since there are not any jobs there, and we have moved to Tennessee.

My husband is working. I still am not. I now have the training, but everyone wants experience, which you can't get unless someone hires you. I have just filed for my last week of unemployment and I am pleading with you to consider extending the benefits.

Thank you,

Deb Jackson